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SUBJECT: EMBASSY RECONSTRUCTION, STATUS REPORT, SUMMARY AS OF 16
SEPTEMBER 1977

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1. GENERAL: FBO TEAM MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT GREATLY APPRECIATE CAN-DO SPIRIT OF SEABEES, MARINES AND KEY EMBASSY PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN WORK, COORDINATION AND PROCUREMENT OF NECESSARY MATERIALS. OTHER NEARBY AMEMBASSY POSTS HAVE MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE OVERALL EFFORT. PAST AND ONGOING SUPPORT BY ALL CONCERNED HAS BEEN A KEY FACTOR IN SUCCESS ACHIEVED TO DATE. THERE ARE PRESENTLY TWENTY SEABEES INVOLVED IN THE PHYSICAL WORK. THE MARINES ARE WORKING ON THEIR OFF-DUTY HOURS WITH LOCAL PERSONNEL. PRESENTLY ALL HANDS ARE WORKING IN EXCESS OF TWELVE HOURS PER DAY IN SPITE OF THE RAPIDLY DETERIORATING WEATHER.

2. LOGISTICS: FINAL SHIPMENT OF WOOD FOR RAFTERS WAS RECEIVED ON SITE WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER AFTER LENGTHY DELAY IN CUSTOMS. LIMITED SPACE HAS BEEN SECURED FOR
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OUTDOOR STORAGE OF BULK MATERIALS. ONE MEDIUM SIZE WATER PROOF CONTAINER HAS BEEN PLACED INTO USE FOR MISC. ITEMS AND MATERIALS WHICH MUST BE WEATHER PROTECTED.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE: AN FBO OFFICE HAS BEEN PLACED INTO OPERATION. A PART TIME SECRETARY HAS BEEN EMPLOYED TO PROVIDE NEEDED ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE. PROJECT FILES

AND ACCOUNTING ARE BEING ASSEMBLED TO PERMIT LOGICAL AND STRUCTURED OPERATION AND PLANNING. STATUS REPORTS WILL BE MADE ON A WEEKLY BASIS UNTIL BI-WEEKLY REPORTING IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

4. WORK PROGRESS: AS OF FRIDAY AFTERNOON STATUS IS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. ROOF STRUCTURAL FRAMING 85 PER CENT COMPLETE.
- B. ROOF SHEATHING 20 PER CENT COMPLETE.
- C. REMOVAL DEBRIS/RIP-OUT ON EIGHT FLOOR 15 PER CENT COMPLETE.
- D. OTHER FLOORS, REMOVAL DEBRIS/RIP-OUT 5 PER CENT COMPLETE.

5. PROJECT SCHEDULING: BARRING MAJOR FURTHER DETERIORATION OF WEATHER CONDITIONS AND DELAYS IN ARRIVAL OTHER NECESSARY MATERIALS, IT IS EXPECTED THAT TOTAL ROOF CAN BE COMPLETED BY FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER. CONTRACT FOR HEATING AND PLUMBING WORK TO BE SIGNED ASAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 221591. CONTRACTOR TO BE DIRECTED TO CONCENTRATE ON RESTORATION OF HEATING SYSTEM IN NON-FIRE DAMAGED AREAS OF BUILDING. EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATED RAPID AND TIMELY RESPONSE BY FBO ON THIS MATTER. PROJECT ARCHITECT WILL MEET WITH CONTRACTOR'S FOR INSPECTION AND PRE-BID SURVEY OF EIGHTH FLOOR WORK. IT IS PLANNED TO HAVE CONTRACTOR BID ON ITEMIZED BASIS OTHER NECESSARY, LESS

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EXPENSIVE RESTORATION RELATED WORK. FINALLY, CONTINGENT PLANS BEING MADE TO KEEP WORK PROGRESSING AND EMBASSY STAFF FUNCTIONING IN THE EVENT OF DRASTIC WEATHER CHANGE, INABILITY TO START-UP HEATING SYSTEM, ETC.

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